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In re Application of:

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Jason L. Gridley et al.

Examiner: Justin R. Fischer

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR PREPARING TIRE TREAD  
FOR A RETREAD TIRE**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Official Draftsman

Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith five (5) sheets of formal drawings that include the changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated October 10, 2003, and the drawing amendment of March 22, 2002, and request that the same be made of record in this application as a substitute for the drawings filed with the application on January 27, 2000.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMMENT UPON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 14-20, 22-30,  
AND 32-34. Applicants respectfully submit that the patentability of each claim is based upon  
the combination of features set forth therein and should not be construed to be dependent in  
any way upon any single feature or any subset of features thereof.

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